

Service Set *Cadets Went Partying*

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WEST POINT, N. Y., June 1—The "long gray line," for which West Point is famous, was missing today at Superintendent of the Military Academy and Mrs. Garrison Davidson's garden party for first classmen, their parents and drags. True, the line was long (at times it almost circled the block which the Superintendent's House centers). But the color was white and khaki — from the uniforms of cadets and old grads. And bright and gay were the flowered dresses of the female guests.

Gen. and Mrs. Davidson gave the party in the spacious garden of the quarters built in 1820 which have had as former occupants, Gen. Robert E. Lee, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Army Chief of Staff Maxwell Taylor.

And, although more than 2200 showed up for the event,—by far the most important social affair of West Point June week — at no time did the garden seem crowded. There are acres and acres of green grass, giant-sized trees, flower beds and garden paths.

STANDING under a marquee beneath a towering elm, Gen. Davidson received the guests with the Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. John Throckmorton, who was aide to Gen. J. Lawton Collins when he was Army Chief of Staff. Also in the line were Mrs. Throckmorton and the Dean of the Academy, Brig. Gen. Gerald Counts, and Mrs. Counts. Mrs. Davidson who has been ill was greeting the guests from an umbrella-shaded table nearby.

Standing near one of the twelve tables, where ice cream cookies and punch were served, I spotted Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Charles Cabell, who are up from Washington for the graduation of their son, Chuck. Not far away were Director of Army Intelligence, Maj. Gen. Robert Schow, and Mrs. Schow—he's here for the 40th reunion of his class and she's up to see their cadet son, Skipper.

CHATTING under a magnificent copper beech—its branch spread is more than 75 feet—were Director of Army Budget, Maj. Gen. David Traub, and Brig. Gen. Theodore Riggs, a former Chief of Army Information. Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Samuel Myers, en route from Saigon to Washington, were there with daughter, Anne, and their first classman son, Sam Jr., who was dragging Washingtonian, Betsy Campbell.